

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS – November 3, 2007

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Unified Arizona Veterans was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with proper ceremonies by Vice Chairman Mel Brody. The roll call was called noting that Chairman Gary Fredricks was excused; a quorum was established.

Introductions: The President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors, Lambert Modder was introduced. Pearl Harbor Survivors have not paid dues to UAV in many years and Mr. Modder was warmly welcomed back.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written. The Treasurer's report was accepted by a motion from Jesse Gersten, seconded and carried.

Reports:

Mike Klier, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

- Mr. Klier explained the direction ADVS is going with outreach, in response to recent newspaper articles about the Chandler Veterans Expo. He explained that rather than trying to target a specific date and time, the agency will have representatives at public events. Assuming that 10% of the population are veterans, we can safely project that 10% of attendees will be veterans. This will enable ADVS to reach out to veterans who may not attend an organized event.
- Information will be forthcoming on the Troops to Teachers and Helmets to Hardhats programs.

Mike Achey, VA Chief of Volunteer Services announced that the VAMC will hold their Annual VAVS Planning Meeting on January 22nd. Mike can be reached at (602) 222-6419

Bob Delker, MOAA reported that

- All appropriation bills are stalled in committee.
- MOAA is strongly supporting the Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Program and encouraged other organizations to do so.

New Business

Acting Chairman Brody announced the Chairman's wish for approval of members to a UAV Executive Board. In addition to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chairman (as provided in the bylaws), the Chairman appoints Bob Bohach, George Cushing, and Jesse Gersten. A motion was made by Carol Hamburger to accept the appointments, seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Brody reviewed the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and thanked everyone who had taken part in putting on the program.

Hall of Fame Society President gave an overview of the plans of the alumni society.

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- Mike Clemenson announced that Luke Retiree day will be November 17th beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Mike Clemenson expressed concern about the turnout at Veterans Recognition Day at the State Fair.
- The Traveling Wall is in Phoenix until November 4th.
- Monday, November 12th, Golden Corral and McCormick Schmidt will be offering free or discount meals to veterans.
- "Tops in Blue" will perform at Peoria Sports Complex on November 15th.
- Korean War Veterans will have a ceremony at the Korean War Memorial on November 10th at 10:00 a.m.
- Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration ceremonies will be held December 7th at 10:55 a.m. Organizations wishing to place a wreath should contact Donna Adams.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 with proper ceremonies to meet again December 1, 2007.

Donna Adams, Secretary